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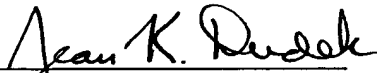Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


<u>STATUS INQUIRY</u>


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Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-identified

application. Applicants filed an Amendment on May 27, 2003 in response to the February 24,

2003 Office Action, as evidenced by the attached copy of the PTO date-stamped postcard receipt,

and Applicants have not yet received a response to the Amendment from the U.S. Patent and

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It is respectfully requested that an Office Action be issued or an indication of

the status of the above-identified application be communicated to Applicants' undersigned

attorney.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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